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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed October 4, 2003 in the above-identified application. For the following reasons, careful reconsideration and allowance of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-15 and 17-45 are pending in the application. As noted by the examiner, there is no claim 16. The error in claim numbering is regretted. No claim amendments are proposed. Claims 1, 10, 15, 17, 30, 37, 44, 45, 46 and 47 are independent claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) as anticipated by applicant's specification ("BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION" and Fig. 4A). Claims 2-5, 9 and 11 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-45 are allowed. The rejection of claims 1, 6-8, 10 and 12-15 is respectfully traversed.